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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION



Arizona Corporation Commission **COMMISSIONERS:** 2010 APR 12 P 2: 02 3 KRISTIN K. MAYES, Chairman APR 1 2 2010 GARY PIERCE 4 PAUL NEWMAN SANDRA D. KENNEDY 5 **BOB STUMP** 6 DOCKET NO. S-20648A-09-0010 IN THE MATTER OF: 7 ENERGETICS, INC., a Nevada corporation; 8

STEVEN P. GIUFFRIDA and MICHELLE GIUFFRIDA, husband and wife;
RODNEY PETERSON and VIRGINIA PETERSON, husband and wife,

RESPONDENTS.

ELEVENTH PROCEDURAL ORDER (Amends Caption)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 12, 2009, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Energetics, Inc. ("Energetics"), Stephen P. Giuffrida and Michelle Giuffrida, husband and wife (collectively "Respondents"), in which the Division alleged multiple violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act") in connection with the offer and sale of securities in the form of notes and/or investment contracts.

The Respondents were duly served with a copy of the Notice.

On January 23, 2009, a request for hearing was filed by the Respondents.

On January 27, 2009, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled on February 25, 2009.

On February 25, 2009, the Division and Respondents appeared with counsel to discuss issues arising from the Notice and stipulated to a status conference being scheduled after certain documents were reviewed.

On February 26, 2009, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled for April 2, 2009.

On March 24, 2009, counsel for Respondents filed an Application for Withdrawal as Counsel of Record ("Application") pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and consistent with ER 1.16 stating that Respondents had failed to meet their financial obligation for counsel's services. Counsel further stated that he had provided notice to the Respondents of pending matters related to the case, such as discovery, and the previously scheduled Examination Under Oath of Mr. Giuffrida. Notice of the Application was also provided to Respondents.

On April 1, 2009, by Procedural Order, the Application of counsel was granted.

On April 2, 2009, the status conference was held with the Division present with counsel and Mr. Giuffrida appeared on his own behalf. The Division indicated that the parties are attempting to reach a resolution in the proceeding, and requested that another status conference be scheduled in approximately 30 days.

On April 3, 2009, by Procedural Order, a status conference was scheduled on May 7, 2009.

On May 7, 2009, at the status conference, the Division appeared with counsel and attorney Jeffrey Proper entered an appearance on behalf of the Respondents. The parties indicated that they are attempting to resolve the issues in the proceeding and the Division requested that a hearing be scheduled in the fall. By Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled on October 13, 2009.

On July 15, 2009, the Division filed a Motion to Amend the Notice filed on January 12, 2009, by adding Rodney and Jane Doe Peterson as Respondents.

On July 30, 2009, counsel for the Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a response indicating that they did not oppose the amendment of the Notice. Subsequently, by Procedural Order, the Division's Motion to Amend the Notice was granted, and Rodney and Jane Doe Peterson, husband and wife, were added as Respondents. It was further ordered that a hearing commence on October 13, 2009, with additional days of hearing on October 14 and 15, 2009, if necessary.

On August 18, and 31, 2009, the Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a request for hearing and Answer to the Amended Complaint, respectively.

On September 3, 2009, by Procedural Order, it was ordered that all prior orders remain in effect with respect to the commencement of the hearing and hearing dates.

On September 8, 2009, the Division and Giuffrida Respondents and Energetics filed a Joint

Stipulation to Continue Hearing and the Exchange of Witness Lists and Exhibits due to the joinder of new Respondents and because the Division, pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, required additional time to provide service by publication of the Notice in this proceeding and to allow time for the filing of a request for a hearing by the newly-named Respondents. The parties further requested that a status conference be scheduled after November 9, 2009, to allow for service by publication of the Notice and any subsequent request for hearing.

On September 9, 2009, the Joint Stipulation was granted and the hearing date vacated along with the related date for the exchange of documents and witness lists. A status conference was scheduled on November 19, 2009.

On September 28, 2009, Attorney Ron Kilgard of Keller Rohrback, P.L.C. filed a request for hearing on behalf of Respondent Rodney Peterson.

On September 30, 2009, by Procedural Order, the hearing date was vacated and the newly added Respondent, Rodney Peterson, was provided with notice of the present status of the proceeding and with notice of the status conference scheduled on November 19, 2009.

On October 23, 2009, Notice of Appearance and Motion for an Extension of Time was filed by a new attorney on behalf of Respondents Rodney and Virginia Peterson. Therein, it was represented that Attorney Maureen Beyers of Osborn Maledon, P.A. would be substituting in place of Mr. Peterson's first attorney who she indicates had withdrawn as counsel. Further, Ms. Beyers requested the following extensions of time: to produce documents by October 28, 2009; to file an Answer by November 23, 2009; and to appear for an examination under oath on December 3, 2009.

The Division's counsel indicated telephonically that there were no objections to the requested extensions of time.

On October 29, 2009, by Procedural Order, the requested extensions were granted, and Attorney Ron Kilgard was permitted to withdraw from the representation of the Peterson Respondents. It was further ordered that the status conference take place as was previously ordered on November 19, 2009

On November 19, 2009, at the status conference, the Division and Respondents appeared through counsel. Although the parties were discussing a possible resolution of the proceeding, the

 Division requested that a hearing be scheduled in the interim. The parties stipulated to a three day hearing to commence on May 4, 2010. The parties also agreed to an exchange of Witness Lists and copies of Exhibits prior to the hearing.

On November 20, 2009, by Procedural Order, a hearing was scheduled to commence on May 4, 2010, and other procedural matters were also addressed.

On April 9, 2010, the Division filed a Motion to Amend Caption to replace "Jane Doe Peterson" with "Virginia Peterson," the correct name of Respondent Peterson's spouse.

Accordingly, the caption should be amended to reflect the correct name of Mr. Peterson's spouse, Virginia Peterson.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the caption in this proceeding shall be amended to reflect the correct name of Mr. Peterson's spouse, Virginia Peterson.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be held on May 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Hearing Room 1, Phoenix, Arizona, as previously ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall also set aside May 5, and 6, 2010, for additional days of hearing, if necessary, as previously ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Division and the Respondents shall exchange copies of their Witness Lists and copies of their Exhibits, with courtesy copies provided to the presiding Administrative Law Judge, as previously ordered.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 – Unauthorized Communications) is in effect and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to practice of law and admission pro hac vice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes the obligation

to appear at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the 1 matter is scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to 2 3 withdraw by the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, 4 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by 5 ruling at hearing. 6 7 day of April, 2010. DATED this 8 9 10 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 11 12 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered this $/2^{44}$ day of April, 2010 to: 13 Jeffrey Proper 14 JEFFŘEY M. PROPER, PLLC 10645 North Tatum Blvd., Ste. C200-652 15 Phoenix, AZ 85028 Attorney for Steven Guiffrida, Michelle 16 Giuffrida and Energetics, Inc. 17 Maureen Bevers OSBORN MALEDON, P.A. 18 2929 North Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012 19 Attorneys for Respondents Rodney and Virginia Peterson 20 Matt Neubert, Director 21 Securities Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 22 1300 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 23 24 25 Secretary to Marc E. Stern 26 27

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